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1.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

AT END OF PERIOD.....

| | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Persons</i> | <i>Mean Population</i> |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 856.3 | 846.3 | 1 702.6 | 1 689.7 |
| 1994-95 | 871.8 | 861.6 | 1 733.4 | 1 717.9 |
| 1995-96 p | 887.9 | 877.9 | 1 765.7 | 1 750.0 |
| Calendar years | | | | |
| 1994 | 863.1 | 853.1 | 1 716.2 | 1 703.5 |
| 1995 p | 879.6 | 869.5 | 1 749.2 | 1 733.5 |
| 1996 p | 896.3 | 886.4 | 1 782.7 | 1 766.1 |
| Quarters | | | | |
| Sep 95 p | 876.2 | 865.8 | 1 742.0 | .. |
| Dec 95 p | 879.6 | 869.5 | 1 749.2 | .. |
| Mar 96 p | 884.2 | 874.3 | 1 758.5 | .. |
| Jun 96 p | 887.9 | 877.9 | 1 765.7 | .. |
| Sep 96 p | 892.0 | 882.0 | 1 774.0 | .. |
| Dec 96 p | 896.3 | 886.4 | 1 782.7 | .. |

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Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.1

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 31 December 1996 was 1,782,700, an increase of 8,700 in the December quarter and 33,500 in the calendar year. The growth rate during the calendar year 1996 was 1.92 % and showed no change from 1995.

1.2

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

| | Natural increase | Net estimated overseas migration(a) | Net estimated interstate migration | Total increase |
|------------------------|---------------------|--|---|-------------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| Financial Years | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 14.3 | 6.7 | 3.7 | 24.7 |
| 1994-95 | 14.7 | 10.5 | 4.9 | 30.1 |
| 1995-96 p | 14.2 | 13.5 | 3.8 | 31.6 |
| Calendar years | | | | |
| 1994 | 14.5 | 8.0 | 4.5 | 26.9 |
| 1995 p | 14.6 | 13.2 | 4.3 | 32.0 |
| 1996 p | 13.8 | 14.0 | 5.6 | 33.3 |
| Quarters | | | | |
| Sep 95 p | 3.4 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 8.3 |
| Dec 95 p | 3.5 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 6.9 |
| Mar 96 p | 3.7 | 4.4 | 1.1 | 9.1 |
| Jun 96 p | 3.7 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 7.2 |
| Sep 96 p | 3.1 | 3.9 | 1.3 | 8.3 |
| Dec 96 p | 3.4 | 3.5 | 1.8 | 8.7 |

(a) Includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'

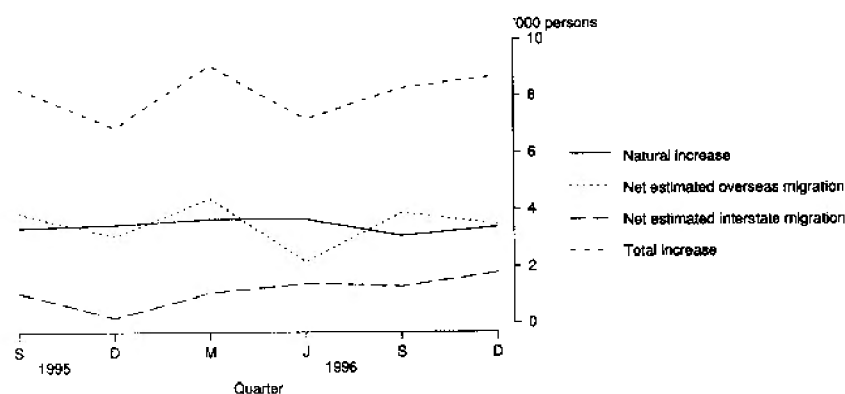
Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.2

In the December quarter 1996 the population increased by 8,700 compared with an increase of 8,300 in the previous quarter.

For the calendar year 1996 the increase of 33,300 was 4% higher than the increase in the previous year. In 1996 the natural increase was less than in the previous two years, but both the net estimated overseas and interstate migration were higher.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

1.3

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

| | Live Births | Infant Deaths | Total Deaths | Marriages | Divorces |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 25 309 | 148 | 10 522 | 10 316 | 4 934 |
| 1994-95 | 25 022 | 137 | 10 261 | 10 381 | 4 930 |
| 1995-96 p | 24 872 | 141 | 10 669 | 10 019 | 5 195 |
| Calendar years | | | | | |
| 1994 | 25 124 | 137 | 10 295 | 10 366 | 5 024 |
| 1995 | 25 122 | 128 | 10 361 | 10 404 | 5 040 |
| 1996 p | 24 766 | 156 | 11 011 | 10 135 | 4 959 |
| Quarters | | | | | |
| Jun 95 | 6 348 | 32 | 2 598 | 2 367 | 1 158 |
| Sep 95 | 6 311 | 30 | 2 917 | 1 524 | 1 332 |
| Dec 95 | 6 046 | 28 | 2 532 | 3 266 | 1 469 |
| Mar 96 p | 6 233 | 54 | 2 588 | 2 935 | 1 231 |
| Jun 96 p | 6 282 | 29 | 2 632 | 2 294 | 1 163 |
| Sep 96 p | 6 192 | 37 | 3 092 | 1 458 | 1 294 |
| Dec 96 p | 6 059 | 36 | 2 699 | 3 448 | 1 271 |

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.3

The number of marriages rose by 1,990 or 136% in December quarter 1996 from the previous quarter. This compares with a rise of 1,742 marriages or 114% for the same quarters a year ago.

The number of total deaths dropped by 393 from September quarter 1996, a fall of 13%. Births and divorces both fell by 2% from the previous quarter. Compared to December quarter 1995, the number of deaths increased by 167 or 7%, marriages by 182 or 6% and births by 13 or less than 1%. The number of divorces fell by 198 or 13%.

Preliminary data for 1996 shows a drop of 356 livebirths or 1% from calendar year 1995. The number of divorces fell slightly by 81 and marriages dropped by 269 or 3%. Total deaths rose by 650 or 6% and infant deaths increased by 28 or 22%.

1.4

RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

| | Live Births(a) | Infant Deaths(b) | Total Deaths(a) | Marriages(a) | Divorces(a) |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 15.0 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 2.9 |
| 1994-95 | 14.6 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 2.9 |
| 1995-96 p | 14.2 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 3.0 |
| Calendar years | | | | | |
| 1994 | 14.7 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 2.9 |
| 1995 | 14.5 | 5.1 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 2.9 |
| 1996 p | 14.0 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 5.7 | 2.8 |
| Quarters | | | | | |
| Jun 95 | 14.7 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 2.7 |
| Sep 95 | 14.6 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 3.5 | 3.1 |
| Dec 95 | 13.9 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 3.4 |
| Mar 96 p | 14.2 | 8.7 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 2.8 |
| Jun 96 p | 14.3 | 4.6 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 2.6 |
| Sep 96 p | 14.0 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 3.3 | 2.9 |
| Dec 96 p | 13.6 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 2.9 |
| | | | | | |

(a) For financial and calendar years the rate is per '000 mean resident population.
For quarters, the mean is the average of the previous and current quarterly population.

(b) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.4

The rate for marriages in December quarter 1996 was more than double the rate for the previous quarter, reflecting the large rise in the number of marriages.

Preliminary rates for 1996 calendar year show falls for livebirths, marriages and divorces compared to calendar year 1995 but rises for infant deaths and total deaths.

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2.1 OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES BY MONTH

| | SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS..... | | | LONG-TERM ARRIVALS..... | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | <i>Permanent Arrivals</i> | <i>Australian Residents</i> | <i>Overseas Visitors</i> | <i>Australian Residents</i> | <i>Overseas Visitors</i> | <i>Total Arrivals</i> |
| ARRIVALS | | | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 7 740 | 269 890 | 297 750 | 8 900 | 7 430 | 591 700 |
| 1994-95 | 10 380 | 289 250 | 339 690 | 9 070 | 8 470 | 656 850 |
| 1995-96 | 11 320 | 308 110 | 361 180 | 8 600 | 10 170 | 699 380 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Feb 96 | 940 | 20 650 | 39 640 | 630 | 2 530 | 64 380 |
| Mar 96 | 900 | 20 660 | 31 010 | 670 | 560 | 53 810 |
| Apr 96 | 850 | 23 670 | 32 270 | 580 | 660 | 58 020 |
| May 96 | 680 | 20 100 | 22 550 | 500 | 380 | 44 210 |
| Jun 96 | 860 | 25 530 | 26 720 | 630 | 500 | 54 250 |
| Jul 96 | 910 | 31 490 | 28 780 | 670 | 1 900 | 63 750 |
| Aug 96 | 840 | 28 570 | 28 950 | 580 | 500 | 59 430 |
| Sep 96 | 860 | 31 390 | 27 540 | 640 | 540 | 60 970 |
| Oct 96 | 940 | 38 310 | 34 460 | 690 | 740 | 75 130 |
| Nov 96 | 1 000 | 25 040 | 37 270 | 930 | 480 | 64 730 |
| Dec 96 | 990 | 18 980 | 49 430 | 1 450 | 490 | 71 340 |
| Jan 97 | 900 | 39 040 | 29 630 | 870 | 1 850 | 72 290 |
| Feb 97 | 780 | 21 440 | 39 350 | 626 | 2 700 | 64 900 |
| Mar 97 | 920 | 24 880 | 35 670 | 740 | 590 | 62 800 |
| Apr 97 | 830 | 24 030 | 33 000 | 580 | 670 | 59 110 |

| | SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES..... | | | LONG-TERM DEPARTURES..... | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <i>Permanent Departures</i> | <i>Australian Residents</i> | <i>Overseas Visitors</i> | <i>Australian Residents</i> | <i>Overseas Visitors</i> | <i>Total Departures</i> |
| DEPARTURES | | | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 3 430 | 274 770 | 29 540 | 7 340 | 4 140 | 580 220 |
| 1994-95 | 3 580 | 292 270 | 343 610 | 7 560 | 4 710 | 651 730 |
| 1995-96 | 3 890 | 305 910 | 366 340 | 7 680 | 5 480 | 689 300 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Feb 96 | 320 | 17 840 | 35 700 | 730 | 440 | 55 030 |
| Mar 96 | 350 | 25 730 | 32 970 | 750 | 400 | 60 200 |
| Apr 96 | 330 | 23 540 | 33 160 | 670 | 330 | 58 030 |
| May 96 | 370 | 25 720 | 27 520 | 630 | 270 | 54 500 |
| Jun 96 | 200 | 29 410 | 31 240 | 530 | 560 | 61 940 |
| Jul 96 | 340 | 32 280 | 25 420 | 640 | 560 | 59 240 |
| Aug 96 | 270 | 27 420 | 29 840 | 660 | 390 | 58 580 |
| Sep 96 | 260 | 34 960 | 25 200 | 520 | 370 | 61 320 |
| Oct 96 | 250 | 26 830 | 28 770 | 500 | 330 | 56 680 |
| Nov 96 | 320 | 24 850 | 32 650 | 530 | 590 | 58 950 |
| Dec 96 | 310 | 35 260 | 42 400 | 730 | 1 180 | 79 880 |
| Jan 97 | 370 | 23 760 | 41 050 | 1 120 | 500 | 66 800 |
| Feb 97 | 280 | 20 340 | 36 760 | 710 | 410 | 58 500 |
| Mar 97 | 320 | 27 960 | 32 850 | 730 | 410 | 62 270 |
| Apr 97 | 330 | 25 870 | 36 390 | 750 | 390 | 63 730 |

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0001. Since figures have been rounded to the nearest ten, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

2.2

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES(a)

| | COUNTRY OF ORIGIN..... | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|
| | New Zealand | UK & Ireland | Indonesia | Japan | Singapore | Total(b) |
| | | | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 25 150 | 57 480 | 27 840 | 27 530 | 50 700 | 297 750 |
| 1994-95 | 24 330 | 61 070 | 44 240 | 28 980 | 59 600 | 339 690 |
| 1995-96 | 24 200 | 59 220 | 49 260 | 30 120 | 64 690 | 361 180 |
| | | | | | | |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Feb 96 | 1 760 | 6 440 | 8 150 | 3 190 | 6 460 | 39 640 |
| Mar 96 | 2 280 | 6 010 | 3 320 | 2 900 | 4 760 | 31 010 |
| Apr 96 | 2 260 | 5 990 | 3 360 | 2 460 | 5 760 | 32 270 |
| May 96 | 1 630 | 2 160 | 2 610 | 1 320 | 5 270 | 22 550 |
| Jun 96 | 1 660 | 2 610 | 4 950 | 1 290 | 6 970 | 26 720 |
| Jul 96 | 3 000 | 2 610 | 5 190 | 3 430 | 3 310 | 28 780 |
| Aug 96 | 2 100 | 3 480 | 3 670 | 3 720 | 4 800 | 28 950 |
| Sep 96 | 2 430 | 4 860 | 2 500 | 3 220 | 3 550 | 27 540 |
| Oct 96 | 2 740 | 5 470 | 4 250 | 2 430 | 4 690 | 34 460 |
| Nov 96 | 1 680 | 9 350 | 3 120 | 2 170 | 7 850 | 37 270 |
| Dec 96 | 2 400 | 10 090 | 6 840 | 3 990 | 7 630 | 49 430 |
| Jan 97 | 1 940 | 7 200 | 3 400 | 3 220 | 2 500 | 29 630 |
| Feb 97 | 1 410 | 6 440 | 7 930 | 3 040 | 5 060 | 39 350 |
| Mar 97 | 2 080 | 8 420 | 3 400 | 3 500 | 5 200 | 35 670 |
| Apr 97 | 2 590 | 5 710 | 4 120 | 2 850 | 5 430 | 33 000 |

(a) Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

(b) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.1

Total arrivals in April 1997 were 6% lower than in the previous month but were 2% higher than in April 1996.

The number of Australian residents returning from short-term visits overseas fell by 3% from the previous month to 24,030 persons. This was 2% higher than in April 1996. The number of overseas visitors arriving in Western Australia for short-term visits declined by 7% from March 1997 but was up by 2% on a year ago.

The number of residents returning to Western Australia in April 1997 after a long-term stay overseas dropped by 22% from the previous month and remained unchanged on April 1996. Arrivals of long-term overseas visitors rose by 14% on March 1997 and by 2% on April 1996.

Total departures in April 1997 rose by 2% from the previous month and were 10% higher than in April 1996.

The number of short-term departures of Australian residents fell by 7% on March 1997, but rose by 10% on April 1996. Short-term departures of overseas visitors grew by 11% from March 1997. The number of long-term departures of overseas visitors fell by 5% whilst long-term departures of Australian residents rose by 3% on March 1997.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.2

Total short-term overseas visitor arrivals fell by 7% on March 1997. The total of 33,000 arrivals in April 1997 was 2% higher than in April 1996.

The number of visitors from Indonesia rose by 720 persons or 21% on March 1997 and by 23% on April 1996. There was a rise in short-term arrivals from New Zealand of 25% and 4% from Singapore compared to March 1997. Short-term arrivals from the United Kingdom and Ireland fell by 32% and from Japan by 19%. Compared to April 1996, arrivals from Japan increased by 16% and by 15% from New Zealand, but fell by 6% from Singapore and by 5% from the United Kingdom and Ireland.

2.3

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS BY AIR, PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

| | COUNTRY OF ORIGIN..... | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|----------|
| | New Zealand | UK & Ireland | Indonesia | Japan | Malaysia | Singapore | Thailand | United States | Total(a) |
| Financial Years | | | | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 9 160 | 22 260 | 20 850 | 24 460 | 19 180 | 39 370 | 7 950 | 2 910 | 180 850 |
| 1994-95 | 7 720 | 19 290 | 33 350 | 24 640 | 19 200 | 45 100 | 7 180 | 2 760 | 193 880 |
| 1995-96 | 6 800 | 19 010 | 35 610 | 23 840 | 20 800 | 47 520 | 8 770 | 3 250 | 200 560 |
| Months | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 96 | 640 | 1 990 | 6 400 | 2 390 | 2 840 | 4 320 | 460 | 140 | 23 030 |
| Mar 96 | 670 | 1 930 | 2 520 | 2 850 | 1 490 | 3 520 | 870 | 590 | 17 510 |
| Apr 96 | 540 | 1 660 | 2 050 | 1 750 | 2 410 | 4 330 | 1 620 | 170 | 17 140 |
| May 96 | 230 | 810 | 1 960 | 1 000 | 2 760 | 4 150 | 790 | 320 | 13 580 |
| Jun 96 | 580 | 500 | 3 850 | 780 | 2 240 | 5 640 | 610 | 250 | 16 240 |
| Jul 96 | 470 | 1 140 | 3 200 | 2 900 | 1 440 | 1 480 | 590 | 190 | 14 280 |
| Aug 96 | 580 | 870 | 2 220 | 3 300 | 2 790 | 3 650 | 980 | 100 | 17 310 |
| Sep 96 | 1 150 | 1 650 | 1 360 | 2 490 | 1 670 | 2 510 | 550 | 190 | 14 360 |
| Oct 96 | 550 | 1 680 | 2 800 | 1 810 | 2 280 | 3 410 | 1 610 | 200 | 18 580 |
| Nov 96 | 370 | 2 790 | 2 150 | 1 680 | 2 010 | 6 510 | 580 | 160 | 20 580 |
| Dec 96 | 610 | 3 690 | 5 710 | 3 380 | 2 420 | 5 840 | 1 330 | 400 | 29 830 |
| Jan 97 | 420 | 2 930 | 1 290 | 2 520 | 570 | 960 | 500 | 280 | 13 050 |
| Feb 97 | 350 | 2 610 | 5 600 | 2 750 | 2 690 | 3 110 | 730 | 190 | 22 380 |
| Mar 97 | 570 | 3 110 | 2 260 | 2 770 | 1 110 | 3 820 | 960 | 200 | 19 150 |
| Apr 97 | 570 | 1 700 | 2 510 | 2 380 | 1 860 | 3 440 | 1 150 | 150 | 16 340 |

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTRO031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.3

The number of short-term overseas visitor arrivals for holidays in Western Australia in April 1997 fell by 15% on March 1997. The total of 16,340 visitors was 5% lower than April 1996.

April 1997 saw a rise of 250 holidaymakers or 11% from Indonesia on March 1997. Arrivals from Malaysia rose by 750 persons or 68% whilst arrivals from Singapore fell by 380 persons or 10%. Holidaymakers from the United Kingdom and Ireland declined by 45% whilst holidaymakers from Japan fell by 14% compared to the previous month.

Compared to April 1996, the number of holidaymakers from Japan increased by 36%, by 22% from Indonesia, 6% from New Zealand and 2% from the United Kingdom and Ireland. Holidaymakers from Thailand fell by 29%, from Malaysia by 23%, Singapore by 21% and the United States by 12%.

2.4

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS(a)

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

| | New Zealand | UK & Ireland | Indonesia | Malaysia | Singapore | Total(a) |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 22 020 | 38 580 | 64 720 | 23 420 | 24 170 | 274 770 |
| 1994-95 | 25 750 | 40 850 | 68 420 | 23 070 | 25 840 | 292 270 |
| 1995-96 | 25 100 | 44 070 | 68 860 | 22 780 | 29 430 | 305 910 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Feb 96 | 2 290 | 1 680 | 3 720 | 1 040 | 1 990 | 17 840 |
| Mar 96 | 2 500 | 4 110 | 6 230 | 1 740 | 3 080 | 25 730 |
| Apr 96 | 1 820 | 3 330 | 5 360 | 1 460 | 1 770 | 23 540 |
| May 96 | 960 | 5 650 | 4 420 | 1 520 | 1 360 | 25 720 |
| Jun 96 | 1 100 | 5 770 | 7 610 | 2 030 | 2 090 | 29 410 |
| Jul 96 | 1 850 | 5 830 | 7 790 | 2 090 | 2 400 | 32 280 |
| Aug 96 | 1 900 | 3 760 | 8 100 | 1 510 | 1 950 | 27 420 |
| Sep 96 | 2 680 | 4 920 | 9 390 | 2 850 | 2 470 | 34 960 |
| Oct 96 | 2 150 | 3 090 | 8 990 | 1 890 | 1 890 | 26 830 |
| Nov 96 | 1 830 | 2 740 | 7 590 | 1 840 | 1 820 | 24 850 |
| Dec 96 | 4 790 | 4 990 | 7 230 | 2 960 | 2 690 | 35 260 |
| Jan 97 | 2 770 | 2 240 | 6 510 | 1 650 | 2 020 | 23 760 |
| Feb 97 | 1 910 | 2 170 | 4 870 | 1 930 | 2 380 | 20 340 |
| Mar 97 | 2 210 | 3 290 | 7 630 | 1 740 | 2 960 | 27 960 |
| Apr 97 | 2 360 | 3 670 | 5 900 | 1 540 | 1 860 | 25 870 |

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMT0013.

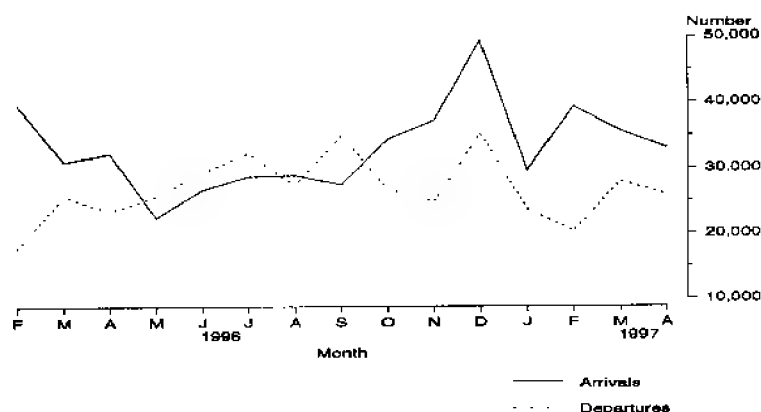
ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.4

There was a fall of 2,090 persons or 7% in short-term departures of Australian residents from Western Australia in April 1997 from the previous month. The total of 25,870 persons was 2,330 persons or 10% higher than April 1996.

Compared to March 1997, short-term departures of residents to the United Kingdom and Ireland increased by 12% and by 7% for New Zealand. Departures to Singapore fell by 37%, Indonesia by 23% and Malaysia by 11%.

Compared to April 1996, short-term departures of Australian residents to New Zealand increased by 30%, the United Kingdom and Ireland and Indonesia by 10% each, and Malaysia and Singapore by 5% each.

SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY MONTH



Source: Unpublished table PMT0013

2.5

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY AIR TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS - HOLIDAY

| | COUNTRY OF DESTINATION..... | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| | New Zealand | UK & Ireland | Indonesia | Malaysia | Singapore | Thailand | United States | Total (a) |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 9 420 | 15 080 | 53 670 | 12 480 | 12 160 | 11 690 | 9 100 | 150 490 |
| 1994-95 | 11 100 | 18 430 | 55 070 | 11 480 | 13 220 | 12 560 | 9 940 | 160 730 |
| 1995-96 | 10 120 | 18 420 | 53 060 | 10 430 | 15 670 | 12 750 | 9 650 | 160 120 |
| Months | | | | | | | | |
| Feb 96 | 820 | 380 | 2 340 | 440 | 810 | 580 | 370 | 7 800 |
| Mar 96 | 1 070 | 1 580 | 4 520 | 580 | 1 910 | 820 | 760 | 13 000 |
| Apr 96 | 840 | 1 540 | 3 620 | 610 | 950 | 1 400 | 640 | 11 980 |
| May 96 | 350 | 2 690 | 3 310 | 460 | 630 | 710 | 690 | 12 330 |
| Jun 96 | 300 | 2 440 | 6 330 | 890 | 1 110 | 1 230 | 930 | 16 640 |
| Jul 96 | 960 | 3 020 | 6 680 | 1 040 | 1 320 | 1 080 | 1 720 | 19 110 |
| Aug 96 | 700 | 2 060 | 6 710 | 870 | 860 | 860 | 780 | 16 080 |
| Sep 96 | 840 | 2 190 | 8 340 | 1 500 | 1 020 | 1 150 | 1 110 | 20 830 |
| Oct 96 | 1 070 | 1 710 | 7 330 | 790 | 1 340 | 1 250 | 460 | 15 990 |
| Nov 96 | 640 | 950 | 6 100 | 1 000 | 1 010 | 500 | 450 | 12 620 |
| Dec 96 | 1 790 | 1 970 | 6 430 | 1 510 | 1 420 | 490 | 1 260 | 18 950 |
| Jan 97 | 1 060 | 740 | 5 240 | 830 | 900 | 560 | 500 | 11 980 |
| Feb 97 | 830 | 580 | 3 680 | 620 | 1 020 | 650 | 150 | 9 260 |
| Mar 97 | 960 | 1 250 | 6 520 | 650 | 2 150 | 1 160 | 840 | 16 210 |
| Apr 97 | 1 220 | 1 960 | 4 080 | 310 | 550 | 810 | 610 | 12 910 |

(a) Total includes countries listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTR0031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.5

There were 12,910 short-term departures from Western Australia of Australian residents for holidays abroad in April 1997. This was 3,300 residents or 20% less than departed in March 1997 but 930 residents or 8% more than departed in April 1996.

Compared with March 1997, only two countries recorded increases as holiday destinations for short-term departures of Australian residents. They were the United Kingdom and Ireland with an increase of 57% and New Zealand with 27%. All other countries listed recorded decreases of departures of holidaymakers, with departures to Singapore falling by 74% and Malaysia by 52%. Departures to Indonesia fell by 37%, Thailand by 30% and the United States by 27%.

Indonesia remains Western Australia's favourite holiday destination. Of the total of 12,910 departures in April 1997, 4,080 persons or 32% chose Indonesia as their holiday destination. Compared to April 1996, departures of holidaymakers to New Zealand increased by 45%, the United Kingdom and Ireland by 27% and Indonesia by 13%. Holidaymakers to Malaysia decreased by 49%, Singapore and Thailand by 42% each and the United States by 5%.

For more information regarding Overseas Arrivals and Departures, please contact Mike Joske on (08) 9360 5276.

2.6

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES..... CARAVAN PARKS.....

| | Guest Rooms | Room occupancy rates | Guest arrivals | Number of sites | Site occupancy rates | Guest arrivals |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| | Number | % | '000 | Number | % | '000 |
| Financial Years(a) | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 14 754 | 57 | 2 154 | 29 202 | 39 | 1 250 |
| 1994-95 | 14 754 | 60 | 2 219 | 29 554 | 40 | 1 231 |
| 1995-96 | 15 085 | 60 | 2 256 | 29 952 | 40 | 1 299 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Jan 96 | | 52 | 203 | | 45 | 131 |
| Feb 96 | | 57 | 179 | | 37 | 73 |
| Mar 96 | 14 928 | 58 | 198 | 30 085 | 37 | 85 |
| Apr 96 | | 59 | 187 | | 41 | 125 |
| May 96 | | 56 | 171 | | 37 | 89 |
| Jun 96 | 15 085 | 55 | 167 | 29 952 | 40 | 98 |
| Jul 96 | | 57 | 193 | | 46 | 151 |
| Aug 96 | | 61 | 207 | | 45 | 164 |
| Sep 96 | 15 396 | 68 | 235 | 29 990 | 44 | 153 |
| Oct 96 | | 67 | 232 | | 38 | 116 |
| Nov 96 | | 61 | 195 | | 36 | 79 |
| Dec 96 | 15 996 | 54 | 193 | 30 105 | 40 | 111 |
| Jan 97 | | 54 | 487 | | 45 | 128 |
| Feb 97 | | 60 | 424 | | 39 | 76 |
| Mar 97 | 16 065 | 58 | 474 | 30 212 | 40 | 102 |

HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS, HOUSES..... VISITOR HOSTELS.....

| | Guest units | Unit occupancy rates | Unit Lettings | Bed spaces | Bed occupancy Rates | Guest nights |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| | Number | % | '000 | Number | % | '000 |
| Financial Years(a) | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 2 224 | 55 | 96 | 3 119 | 38 | 416 |
| 1994-95 | 2 419 | 57 | 110 | 2 834 | 41 | 431 |
| 1995-96 | 2 687 | 57 | 134 | 3 171 | 43 | 478 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Jan 96 | | 73 | 12 | | 47 | 46 |
| Feb 96 | | 58 | 11 | | 44 | 40 |
| Mar 96 | 2 414 | 59 | 13 | 2 794 | 45 | 44 |
| Apr 96 | | 64 | 12 | | 46 | 44 |
| May 96 | | 43 | 10 | | 41 | 40 |
| Jun 96 | 2 687 | 46 | 10 | 3 171 | 41 | 39 |
| Jul 96 | | 57 | 11 | | 40 | 39 |
| Aug 96 | | 48 | 10 | | 36 | 36 |
| Sep 96 | 2 705 | 60 | 13 | 3 172 | 39 | 37 |
| Oct 96 | | 63 | 14 | | 39 | 38 |
| Nov 96 | | 54 | 12 | | 41 | 38 |
| Dec 96 | 2 797 | 61 | 13 | 3 109 | 41 | 39 |
| Jan 97 | | 69 | 14 | | 42 | 42 |
| Feb 97 | | 55 | 12 | | 41 | 37 |
| Mar 97 | 2 623 | 58 | 13 | 3 224 | 42 | 42 |

(a) Number at 30 June

Reference: Tourist Accommodation WA (8635.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact Pam Prince on
(08) 9360 5207.

3.1

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Seasonally Adjusted

| | Employed full-time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Males | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | 425.4 | 477.3 | 39.5 | 7.6 | 76.0 |
| May 96 | 426.5 | 478.9 | 41.1 | 7.9 | 76.4 |
| Jun 96 | 425.7 | 477.4 | 43.0 | 8.3 | 76.3 |
| Jul 96 | 432.1 | 481.4 | 40.7 | 7.8 | 76.4 |
| Aug 96 | 426.1 | 481.3 | 43.3 | 8.3 | 76.6 |
| Sep 96 | 426.0 | 480.4 | 41.9 | 8.0 | 76.1 |
| Oct 96 | 430.3 | 484.0 | 42.8 | 8.1 | 76.6 |
| Nov 96 | 429.9 | 480.3 | 41.9 | 8.0 | 75.8 |
| Dec 96 | 428.5 | 483.7 | 41.3 | 7.9 | 76.1 |
| Jan 97 | 434.3 | 491.4 | 36.7 | 7.0 | 76.4 |
| Feb 97 | 435.9 | 491.2 | 38.4 | 7.3 | 76.5 |
| Mar 97 | 433.0 | 490.2 | 37.4 | 7.1 | 76.1 |
| Apr 97 | 434.6 | 490.4 | 36.2 | 6.9 | 75.8 |
| May 97 | 436.1 | 492.0 | 37.2 | 7.0 | 76.1 |
| Jun 97 | 437.5 | 495.5 | 38.2 | 7.2 | 76.5 |
| Females | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | 195.4 | 346.5 | 25.1 | 6.8 | 54.2 |
| May 96 | 192.6 | 356.5 | 27.9 | 7.3 | 56.0 |
| Jun 96 | 195.2 | 356.2 | 29.3 | 7.6 | 56.0 |
| Jul 96 | 197.3 | 360.9 | 29.1 | 7.5 | 56.5 |
| Aug 96 | 201.4 | 367.9 | 28.6 | 7.2 | 57.4 |
| Sep 96 | 200.1 | 365.3 | 27.3 | 7.0 | 56.7 |
| Oct 96 | 194.3 | 360.8 | 27.4 | 7.1 | 55.9 |
| Nov 96 | 195.3 | 364.0 | 27.8 | 7.1 | 56.3 |
| Dec 96 | 197.6 | 366.5 | 29.6 | 7.5 | 56.8 |
| Jan 97 | 194.8 | 364.5 | 33.4 | 8.4 | 57.0 |
| Feb 97 | 189.7 | 366.5 | 32.3 | 8.1 | 57.0 |
| Mar 97 | 187.8 | 359.4 | 31.6 | 8.1 | 55.8 |
| Apr 97 | 191.7 | 356.8 | 31.5 | 8.1 | 55.4 |
| May 97 | 191.7 | 355.9 | 26.2 | 6.9 | 54.4 |
| Jun 97 | 186.6 | 356.1 | 27.5 | 7.2 | 54.5 |
| Persons | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | 620.8 | 823.8 | 64.7 | 7.3 | 65.1 |
| May 96 | 619.1 | 835.4 | 69.1 | 7.6 | 66.1 |
| Jun 96 | 620.9 | 833.6 | 72.4 | 8.0 | 66.1 |
| Jul 96 | 629.3 | 842.3 | 69.8 | 7.6 | 66.4 |
| Aug 96 | 627.6 | 849.2 | 71.9 | 7.8 | 66.9 |
| Sep 96 | 626.1 | 845.7 | 69.2 | 7.6 | 66.3 |
| Oct 96 | 624.6 | 844.8 | 70.2 | 7.7 | 66.2 |
| Nov 96 | 625.2 | 844.3 | 69.7 | 7.6 | 66.0 |
| Dec 96 | 626.0 | 850.2 | 70.9 | 7.7 | 66.4 |
| Jan 97 | 629.1 | 855.9 | 70.1 | 7.6 | 66.7 |
| Feb 97 | 625.6 | 857.7 | 70.8 | 7.6 | 66.7 |
| Mar 97 | 620.8 | 849.6 | 69.0 | 7.5 | 65.9 |
| Apr 97 | 626.3 | 847.3 | 67.8 | 7.4 | 65.5 |
| May 97 | 627.8 | 847.9 | 63.5 | 7.0 | 65.2 |
| Jun 97 | 624.1 | 851.6 | 65.7 | 7.2 | 65.5 |

Reference : The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 7.2% in June 1997.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed increased by 2,200 to 65,700 while the number of persons employed increased by 3,700 to 851,600.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for June 1997 increased by 0.3 percentage points to 65.5% and continues to be the highest of all the States.

3.2

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Trend

| | Employed full-time | Total employed | Total unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| Males | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | 426.4 | 477.4 | 41.3 | 8.0 | 76.3 |
| May 96 | 426.8 | 478.2 | 41.5 | 8.0 | 76.3 |
| Jun 96 | 427.2 | 479.2 | 41.7 | 8.0 | 76.4 |
| Jul 96 | 427.5 | 479.9 | 42.1 | 8.1 | 76.4 |
| Aug 96 | 427.7 | 480.5 | 42.4 | 8.1 | 76.4 |
| Sep 96 | 428.1 | 481.2 | 42.5 | 8.1 | 76.3 |
| Oct 96 | 428.8 | 482.3 | 42.1 | 8.0 | 76.3 |
| Nov 96 | 429.8 | 483.8 | 41.3 | 7.9 | 76.3 |
| Dec 96 | 431.1 | 485.7 | 40.2 | 7.6 | 76.2 |
| Jan 97 | 432.4 | 487.6 | 39.0 | 7.4 | 76.2 |
| Feb 97 | 433.6 | 489.4 | 38.0 | 7.2 | 76.2 |
| Mar 97 | 434.5 | 490.8 | 37.4 | 7.1 | 76.2 |
| Apr 97 | 435.4 | 492.0 | 37.1 | 7.0 | 76.2 |
| May 97 | 436.1 | 493.0 | 37.0 | 7.0 | 76.1 |
| Jun 97 | 436.8 | 493.7 | 37.1 | 7.0 | 76.1 |
| Females | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | 194.0 | 353.5 | 27.7 | 7.3 | 55.6 |
| May 96 | 195.5 | 355.6 | 27.8 | 7.3 | 55.8 |
| Jun 96 | 196.6 | 358.0 | 28.0 | 7.3 | 56.1 |
| Jul 96 | 197.5 | 360.5 | 28.1 | 7.2 | 56.3 |
| Aug 96 | 198.1 | 362.7 | 28.1 | 7.2 | 56.5 |
| Sep 96 | 198.3 | 364.4 | 28.1 | 7.1 | 56.6 |
| Oct 96 | 197.8 | 365.1 | 28.3 | 7.2 | 56.7 |
| Nov 96 | 196.5 | 365.3 | 29.1 | 7.4 | 56.7 |
| Dec 96 | 194.8 | 365.0 | 30.2 | 7.6 | 56.7 |
| Jan 97 | 193.3 | 364.1 | 31.2 | 7.9 | 56.6 |
| Feb 97 | 192.0 | 362.8 | 31.5 | 8.0 | 56.4 |
| Mar 97 | 190.9 | 360.9 | 31.1 | 8.0 | 56.0 |
| Apr 97 | 189.9 | 358.8 | 30.2 | 7.9 | 55.4 |
| May 97 | 189.1 | 356.9 | 29.2 | 7.6 | 54.9 |
| Jun 97 | 188.4 | 355.3 | 28.1 | 7.3 | 54.4 |
| Persons | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | 620.4 | 831.0 | 69.0 | 7.7 | 65.9 |
| May 96 | 622.2 | 833.8 | 69.3 | 7.7 | 66.0 |
| Jun 96 | 623.8 | 837.2 | 69.8 | 7.7 | 66.2 |
| Jul 96 | 624.9 | 840.4 | 70.2 | 7.7 | 66.3 |
| Aug 96 | 625.8 | 843.2 | 70.5 | 7.7 | 66.4 |
| Sep 96 | 626.5 | 845.5 | 70.5 | 7.7 | 66.4 |
| Oct 96 | 626.6 | 847.4 | 70.4 | 7.7 | 66.4 |
| Nov 96 | 626.3 | 849.1 | 70.4 | 7.7 | 66.4 |
| Dec 96 | 625.9 | 850.7 | 70.4 | 7.6 | 66.4 |
| Jan 97 | 625.7 | 851.8 | 70.2 | 7.6 | 66.4 |
| Feb 97 | 625.6 | 852.2 | 69.5 | 7.5 | 66.3 |
| Mar 97 | 625.4 | 851.7 | 68.5 | 7.4 | 66.0 |
| Apr 97 | 625.3 | 850.8 | 67.3 | 7.3 | 65.8 |
| May 97 | 625.2 | 849.9 | 66.2 | 7.2 | 65.5 |
| Jun 97 | 625.1 | 848.9 | 65.1 | 7.1 | 65.2 |

Reference: Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.2

Trend estimates for December 1996 to May 1997 have been revised.

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.1%.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Lesley Martin on (08) 9360 5320.

3.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

| Period | FULL TIME ADULTS..... | | ALL PERSONS |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Ordinary Time earnings | Total earnings | Total earnings |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| | | | |
| Males | | | |
| 18 Aug 95 | 716.80 | 778.40 | 673.30 |
| 17 Nov 95 | 731.30 | 790.70 | 682.40 |
| 16 Feb 96 | 743.80 | 802.10 | 688.10 |
| 17 May 96 | 748.50 | 807.10 | 690.80 |
| 16 Aug 96 | 747.40 | 806.70 | 690.80 |
| 15 Nov 96 | 742.80 | 802.40 | 688.30 |
| Females | | | |
| 18 Aug 95 | 555.60 | 569.80 | 405.40 |
| 17 Nov 95 | 564.30 | 577.10 | 407.70 |
| 16 Feb 96 | 570.60 | 582.50 | 409.90 |
| 17 May 96 | 576.70 | 588.40 | 411.40 |
| 16 Aug 96 | 583.70 | 596.00 | 412.40 |
| 15 Nov 96 | 589.40 | 602.60 | 413.00 |
| Persons | | | |
| 18 Aug 95 | 659.50 | 704.10 | 545.50 |
| 17 Nov 95 | 671.80 | 714.50 | 550.30 |
| 16 Feb 96 | 681.50 | 723.10 | 554.10 |
| 17 May 96 | 686.40 | 728.00 | 554.90 |
| 16 Aug 96 | 688.00 | 730.30 | 552.50 |
| 15 Nov 96 | 687.20 | 730.10 | 547.90 |
| | | | |

Reference: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0)

3.4

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

WORKERS INVOLVED.....

| | <i>Number of Disputes</i> | <i>Directly</i> | <i>Indirectly</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Working days lost</i> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| | Number | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| | | | | | |
| Calendar Year | | | | | |
| 1994 | 82 | 15.7 | 0.2 | 15.9 | 27.4 |
| 1995 | 70 | 99.7 | 0.0 | 99.7 | 101.6 |
| 1996 | 54 | 36.2 | 0.0 | 36.2 | 47.3 |
| Months | | | | | |
| May 96 | 8 | 10.0 | — | 10.0 | 9.9 |
| Jun 96 | 1 | 4.4 | — | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| Jul 96 | 4 | 2.1 | — | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| Aug 96 | 6 | 10.2 | — | 10.2 | 8.5 |
| Sep 96 | 6 | 3.0 | — | 3.0 | 1.6 |
| Oct 96 | 6 | 3.0 | — | 3.3 | 1.6 |
| Nov 96 | 8 | 1.3 | — | 1.3 | 0.8 |
| Dec 96 | 2 | 0.2 | — | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Jan 97 | 4 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 15.5 |
| Feb 97 | 5 | 1.3 | — | 1.3 | 2.4 |
| Mar 97 | 1 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Apr 97 | 6 | 14.3 | — | 14.3 | 17.6 |

Reference: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished ABS Data

4.1

MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER: Original

| | <i>Food</i> | <i>Department stores</i> | <i>Clothing and soft goods</i> | <i>Other household goods</i> | <i>Recreational goods</i> |
|--------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Jun 96 | 400.6 | 90.3 | 67.5 | 108.0 | 50.5 |
| Jul 96 | 420.5 | 93.6 | 64.7 | 127.7 | 53.4 |
| Aug 96 | 431.1 | 94.2 | 60.7 | 130.6 | 52.1 |
| Sep 96 | 406.6 | 82.2 | 55.9 | 111.5 | 51.2 |
| Oct 96 | 445.0 | 101.3 | 68.4 | 138.8 | 55.6 |
| Nov 96 | 442.0 | 109.6 | 67.0 | 138.2 | 53.0 |
| Dec 96 | 501.1 | 176.8 | 88.1 | 163.7 | 68.2 |
| Jan 97 | 468.6 | 86.4 | 62.2 | 145.7 | 51.1 |
| Feb 97 | 422.1 | 76.2 | 48.3 | 127.6 | 46.9 |
| Mar 97 | 459.6 | 89.1 | 54.5 | 125.7 | 47.8 |
| Apr 97 | 420.6 | 88.5 | 57.1 | 137.3 | 56.2 |
| May 97 | 447.8 | 107.0 | 63.0 | 145.2 | 56.7 |

| | <i>Hospitality and services</i> | <i>Other</i> | <i>Original</i> | <i>Seasonally adjusted</i> | <i>Trend estimates</i> |
|--------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Jun 96 | 158.5 | 92.6 | 968.0 | 1 026.3 | 1 029.3 |
| Jul 96 | 150.6 | 88.5 | 999.0 | 1 018.0 | 1 023.2 |
| Aug 96 | 151.8 | 84.0 | 1 004.5 | 1 049.7 | 1 016.8 |
| Sep 96 | 146.5 | 81.0 | 934.9 | 969.3 | 1 012.7 |
| Oct 96 | 154.3 | 94.6 | 1 058.0 | 1 035.0 | 1 013.5 |
| Nov 96 | 153.3 | 94.3 | 1 057.4 | 1 017.1 | 1 019.1 |
| Dec 96 | 168.4 | 121.1 | 1 287.4 | 994.5 | 1 028.4 |
| Jan 97 | 156.6 | 83.8 | 1 054.4 | 1 066.0 | 1 039.0 |
| Feb 97 | 143.8 | 82.8 | 947.7 | 1 064.5 | 1 048.7 |
| Mar 97 | 152.6 | 77.5 | 1 006.8 | 1 054.7 | 1 056.1 |
| Apr 97 | 155.2 | 91.5 | 1 006.4 | 1 040.4 | 1 061.7 |
| May 97 | 155.2 | 92.7 | 1 067.6 | 1 075.0 | 1 069.1 |

Reference: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

5.1

NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

| | HOUSES..... | | OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS..... | | TOTAL (a)..... | |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------|-------|-------------------|---------|
| | Dwelling Units | Value | Dwelling Units | Value | Dwelling Units | Value |
| | No. | \$m | No. | \$m | No. | \$m |
| | | | | | | |
| Financial years | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 19 437 | 1 503.7 | 7 144 | 461.0 | 26 776 | 1 964.7 |
| 1994-95 | 16 207 | 1 354.3 | 6 105 | 420.3 | 22 427 | 1 774.6 |
| 1995-96 | 12 211 | 1 148.3 | 3 527 | 272.3 | 15 853 | 1 420.7 |
| | | | | | | |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Mar 96 | 1 101 | 104.5 | 362 | 33.7 | 1 501 | 138.2 |
| Apr 96 | 922 | 90.9 | 244 | 17.3 | 1 169 | 108.1 |
| May 96 | 1 183 | 114.3 | 227 | 15.0 | 1 420 | 129.2 |
| Jun 96 | 966 | 94.0 | 227 | 15.3 | 1 195 | 109.3 |
| Jul 96 | 1 165 | 107.3 | 166 | 10.9 | 1 336 | 118.2 |
| Aug 96 | 1 134 | 110.4 | 136 | 11.1 | 1 277 | 121.4 |
| Sep 96 | 1 108 | 108.2 | 127 | 9.0 | 1 245 | 117.2 |
| Oct 96 | 1 157 | 111.0 | 204 | 15.9 | 1 376 | 126.9 |
| Nov 96 | 1 175 | 112.6 | 187 | 15.2 | 1 366 | 127.8 |
| Dec 96 | 1 035 | 102.4 | 194 | 18.1 | 1 242 | 120.5 |
| Jan 97 | 1 034 | 103.4 | 135 | 15.6 | 1 182 | 119.0 |
| Feb 97 | 803 | 80.2 | 238 | 21.1 | 1 047 | 101.3 |
| Mar 97 | 1 039 | 108.7 | 165 | 17.1 | 1 216 | 125.8 |
| Apr 97 | 1 456 | 143.8 | 163 | 15.4 | 1 626 | 159.2 |
| May 97 | 1 376 | 140.5 | 195 | 16.8 | 1 576 | 157.3 |

(a) Includes conversions

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

*For more information regarding this table, please contact
Phil Smythe on (08) 9360 5180.*

5.2

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

| | Private | Public | Total |
|------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Financial Years | | | |
| 1993-94 | 513.1 | 153.9 | 667.0 |
| 1994-95 | 580.9 | 147.3 | 728.2 |
| 1995-96 | 692.0 | 111.1 | 803.1 |
| Months | | | |
| Mar 96 | 35.5 | 21.4 | 56.9 |
| Apr 96 | 60.8 | 5.7 | 66.5 |
| May 96 | 103.4 | 14.0 | 117.4 |
| Jun 96 | 62.1 | 10.0 | 72.1 |
| Jul 96 | 63.9 | 8.7 | 72.6 |
| Aug 96 | 71.7 | 61.7 | 133.4 |
| Sep 96 | 74.1 | 17.8 | 91.9 |
| Oct 96 | 114.6 | 26.4 | 141.0 |
| Nov 96 | 54.9 | 110.1 | 165.0 |
| Dec 96 | 39.0 | 7.4 | 46.4 |
| Jan 97 | 31.7 | 35.0 | 66.7 |
| Feb 97 | 73.6 | 44.2 | 117.8 |
| Mar 97 | 68.3 | 22.1 | 90.4 |
| Apr 97 | 72.7 | 6.1 | 78.8 |
| May 97 | 63.1 | 83.3 | 146.4 |

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact
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5.3

SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

| | Materials used in house building | Established homes | Project homes |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Financial Years | | | |
| 1993-94 | 109.1 | 104.7 | 96.2 |
| 1994-95 | 112.7 | 109.0 | 100.0 |
| 1995-96 | 114.7 | 108.2 | 101.6 |
| Quarters | | | |
| Dec 95 | 114.9 | 108.3 | 101.6 |
| Mar 96 | 114.6 | 107.5 | 101.3 |
| Jun 96 | 114.6 | 108.2 | 101.4 |
| Sep 96 | 115.0 | 108.0 | 101.5 |
| Dec 96 | 115.0 | 107.5 | 101.4 |
| Mar 97 | 115.3 | 110.4 | 101.2 |

Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

References: Price Index of Materials used in House Building (6408.0);

House Price Indexes (6416.0)

5.4

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING, PERTH

SPECIAL SERIES.....

| | <i>All Groups</i> | <i>Electrical materials</i> | <i>Mechanical services</i> | <i>Plumbing</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Financial years | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 107.1 | 101.9 | 104.2 | 105.1 |
| 1994-95 | 110.1 | 107.3 | 106.8 | 114.4 |
| 1995-96 | 113.2 | 113.0 | 112.3 | 120.1 |
| Months | | | | |
| Mar 96 | 113.4 | 112.8 | 113.4 | 119.7 |
| Apr 96 | 113.5 | 113.5 | 114.4 | 118.9 |
| May 96 | 113.6 | 114.0 | 114.5 | 120.3 |
| Jun 96 | 113.5 | 113.9 | 114.6 | 120.4 |
| Jul 96 | 113.9 | 112.6 | 114.3 | 117.3 |
| Aug 96 | 114.0 | 110.3 | 114.1 | 117.4 |
| Sep 96 | 114.2 | 110.2 | 113.5 | 117.9 |
| Oct 96 | 114.3 | 110.2 | 113.8 | 117.0 |
| Nov 96 | 114.1 | 109.4 | 112.6 | 117.4 |
| Dec 96 | 114.4 | 109.6 | 112.7 | 119.0 |
| Jan 97 | 114.6 | 110.3 | 113.3 | 119.1 |
| Feb 97 p | 115.1 | 110.3 | 113.4 | 120.1 |
| Mar 97 p | 115.1 | 111.5 | 112.9 | 120.5 |
| Apr 97 p | 115.3 | 111.1 | 113.0 | 121.1 |
| May 97 p | 115.2 | 110.9 | 112.8 | 121.3 |

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS.....

| | <i>Structural timber</i> | <i>Clay bricks</i> | <i>Ready mixed concrete</i> | <i>Structural steel</i> | <i>Aluminium windows</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Financial years | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 110.6 | 113.9 | 116.6 | 100.4 | 104.4 |
| 1994-95 | 110.6 | 118.0 | 117.8 | 103.6 | 112.4 |
| 1995-96 | 109.3 | 120.7 | 115.0 | 107.5 | 118.1 |
| Months | | | | | |
| Mar 96 | 109.1 | 120.2 | 114.1 | 108.2 | 118.2 |
| Apr 96 | 108.6 | 120.2 | 114.7 | 108.2 | 118.2 |
| May 96 | 108.6 | 123.4 | 114.7 | 108.8 | 118.2 |
| Jun 96 | 108.6 | 123.4 | 114.7 | 108.8 | 116.4 |
| Jul 96 | 108.6 | 123.4 | 119.8 | 108.8 | 116.4 |
| Aug 96 | 105.9 | 123.4 | 119.5 | 109.7 | 116.4 |
| Sep 96 | 105.9 | 123.6 | 119.4 | 111.2 | 116.4 |
| Oct 96 | 105.7 | 123.6 | 119.4 | 111.2 | 116.4 |
| Nov 96 | 105.6 | 123.6 | 119.6 | 113.4 | 116.4 |
| Dec 96 | 105.6 | 123.6 | 119.6 | 115.7 | 116.4 |
| Jan 97 | 105.6 | 123.6 | 119.6 | 116.0 | 116.4 |
| Feb 97 p | 107.4 | 123.6 | 121.8 | 116.1 | 116.4 |
| Mar 97 p | 107.6 | 123.6 | 121.7 | 116.1 | 116.4 |
| Apr 97 p | 107.5 | 123.6 | 120.9 | 116.1 | 118.8 |
| May 97 p | 107.5 | 126.6 | 120.4 | 116.1 | 118.8 |

Base of each index 1989-90 = 100.0

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building (6407.0)

6.1

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

| | CATTLE..... | | | OTHER..... | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|------|
| | Bulls, bullocks, steers | Cows, heifers | Total (excluding calves) | Calves | Sheep | Lambs | Pigs |
| Financial Years | | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 271 | 168 | 439 | 4 | 2 952 | 1 553 | 550 |
| 1994-95 | 244 | 186 | 430 | 4 | 3088r | 1464r | 604 |
| 1995-96 | 218 | 182 | 400 | 3 | 2833r | 1594r | 563 |
| Months | | | | | | | |
| Mar 96 | 17 | 16 | 33 | - | 268r | 123 | 48 |
| Apr 96 | 15 | 12 | 28 | - | 234r | 135r | 46 |
| May 96 | 16 | 13 | 29 | - | 283r | 168r | 51 |
| Jun 96 | 15 | 11 | 26 | - | 213r | 146r | 44 |
| Jul 96p | 13 | 12 | 25 | - | 172 | 163 | 49 |
| Aug 96p | 14 | 15 | 29 | - | 230 | 173 | 44 |
| Sep 96p | 17 | 17 | 33 | 1 | 275 | 179 | 43 |
| Oct 96p | 20 | 20 | 40 | - | 314 | 242 | 39 |
| Nov 96p | 20 | 20 | 40 | 1 | 270 | 157 | 45 |
| Dec 96p | 21 | 20 | 41 | - | 235 | 129 | 47 |
| Jan 97p | 20 | 21 | 41 | - | 219 | 126 | 43 |
| Feb 97p | 17 | 21 | 38 | - | 223 | 180 | 46 |
| Mar 97p | 14 | 18 | 33 | - | 239 | 176 | 50 |
| Apr 97p | 14 | 15 | 30 | - | 227 | 198 | 45 |
| May 97p | 14 | 16 | 30 | - | 250 | 229 | 49 |

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

6.2

MEAT PRODUCED (a)(Tonnes Carcass Weight)

| | Beef | Veal | Mutton | Lamb | Pigmeat |
|------------------------|---------|------|--------|--------|---------|
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 101 513 | 296 | 61 731 | 24 936 | 32 423 |
| 1994-95 | 97 140 | 250 | 61868r | 22359r | 37 109 |
| 1995-96 | 94 859 | 213 | 57428r | 28139r | 35 341 |
| Months | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | 6 853 | 13 | 4799r | 2394r | 2 899 |
| May 96 | 6 906 | 16 | 5699r | 2879r | 3 225 |
| Jun 96 | 6 354 | 21 | 4239r | 2585r | 2 754 |
| Jul 96p | 5 731 | 23 | 3 412 | 2 778 | 2 892 |
| Aug 96p | 6 731 | 23 | 4 532 | 2 951 | 2 913 |
| Sep 96p | 7 907 | 29 | 5 383 | 3 054 | 2 991 |
| Oct 96p | 9 456 | 24 | 6 272 | 3 985 | 2 919 |
| Nov 96p | 9 416 | 25 | 5 466 | 2 644 | 3 165 |
| Dec 96p | 9 130 | 26 | 4 693 | 2 226 | 3 261 |
| Jan 97p | 9 291 | 23 | 4 245 | 2 161 | 3 095 |
| Feb 97p | 8 512 | 21 | 4 280 | 3 110 | 3 310 |
| Mar 97p | 7 389 | 21 | 4 982 | 2 990 | 3 575 |
| Apr 97p | 6 662 | 17 | 4 681 | 3 381 | 3 149 |
| May 97p | 6 859 | 20 | 4 835 | 3 974 | 3 734 |

(a) Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

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6.3

WOOL RECEIVALS(a) AND LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

| | RECEIVALS OF TAXABLE WOOL BY BROKERS AND DEALERS..... | | EXPORT OF LIVE SHEEP..... | | |
|------------------------|--|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Bales | Tonnes | Quantity '000 | Gross Value \$'000 | Gross Weight '000t |
| | | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 1 196 990 | 212 670 | 4 524.1 | 127 564 | 238.0 |
| 1994-95 | 972 837 | 172 575 | 3 871.4 | 127 974 | 193.3 |
| 1995-96 | 931 048 | 165 842 | 4 690.6 | 181 069 | 232.3 |
| Months | | | | | |
| Mar 96 | 92 096 | 16 422 | 518.1 | 19 863 | 26.5 |
| Apr 96 | 71 694 | 12 719 | 306.8 | 11 183 | 15.8 |
| May 96 | 52 751 | 9 326 | 523.2 | 17 453 | 26.2 |
| Jun 96 | 24 310 | 4 284 | 236.2 | 8 320 | 10.3 |
| Jul 96 | 53 329 | 9 510 | 209.4 | 7 540 | 10.3 |
| Aug 96 | 99 902 | 17 933 | 262.2 | 9 613 | 12.4 |
| Sep 96 | 121 600 | 21 734 | 437.7 | 16 378 | 21.9 |
| Oct 96 | 121 626 | 21 541 | 466.8 | 17 067 | 24.3 |
| Nov 96 | 84 634 | 14 957 | 329.2 | 11 537 | 17.2 |
| Dec 96 | 35 874r | 6 275r | 274.3 | 9 372 | 13.9 |
| Jan 97 | 63 073r | 11 233r | 354.4 | 12 425 | 19.2 |
| Feb 97 | 84 541r | 15 002r | 368.8r | 13 080r | 18.9r |
| Mar 97 | 85 449 | 15 256 | 386.5r | 13 379 | 19.1r |
| Apr 97 | 77 887 | 13 792 | 101.2 | 3 411 | 5.2 |
| May 97 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 360.8 | 12 515 | 17.8 |

(a) Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers

Reference: FTRACCS Trade Statistics

6.4

ENERGY PRODUCTION

| | Coal(a) | Electricity generated | Gas for distribution(b) | Crude oil(c)(d) | Natural gas(d) |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| | '000 tonnes | million kWh | million MJ | mega-litres | million m ³ |
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 5 151 | 15 755 | 172 432 | 7 639 | 13 859 |
| 1994-95 | 5 882 | 16 756 | 186 658 | 12 680 | 15 714 |
| 1995-96 | 5 897 | 17 422 | 181 710 | 9 676 | 16 766 |
| Months | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | 413 | 1 366 | 15 305 | | |
| May 96 | 487 | 1 475 | 16 609 | | |
| Jun 96 | 569 | 1 456 | 16 614 | 4 204 | 4 208 |
| Jul 96 | 379 | 1 523 | 17 292 | | |
| Aug 96 | 414 | 1 473 | 17 097 | | |
| Sep 96 | 469 | 1 379 | 15 454 | 4 187 | 4 115 |
| Oct 96 | 517 | 1 412 | 15 558 | | |
| Nov 96 | 584 | 1 328 | 17 457 | | |
| Dec 96 | 446 | 1 401 | 17 883 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| Jan 97 | 448 | 1 463 | 17 659 | | |
| Feb 97 | 469 | 1 362 | 15 408 | | |
| Mar 97 | 561 | 1 331 | 17 201 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| Apr 97 | 407 | n.a. | n.a. | | |

(a) Department of Minerals and Energy

(b) Available for issue through mains

(c) Includes condensate

(d) Source: Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics

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6.5

MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

| | METALLIC MINERALS..... | | | NON-METALLIC MINERALS.... | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| | Base metals(a) | Gold | Other | Diamonds | Other | Total minerals |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 63.3 | 310.2 | 31.5 | 46.6 | 2.1 | 453.7 |
| 1994-95 | 58.8 | 379.4 | 17.9 | 35.2 | 5.6 | 495.5 |
| 1995-96 | 89.0 | 367.8 | 6.9 | 33.8 | 6.0 | 519.5 |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Dec 95 | 17.5 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 7.4 | 1.1 | 128.9 |
| Mar 96 | 21.8 | 83.9 | n.a. | 4.9 | 2.1 | 117.8 |
| Jun 96 | 32.3 | 93.4 | n.a. | 11.7 | 1.6 | 147.0 |
| Sep 96 | 23.6 | 120.2 | 0.8 | 8.8 | 1.4 | 162.8 |
| Dec 96 | 20.1 | 147.9 | n.a. | 11.5 | n.a. | 187.7 |
| Mar 97 | 17.4 | 108.1 | 1.1 | 7.5 | 0.4 | 144.2 |

(a) Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Reference: Actual and Expected Private Mineral Exploration Expenditure, Australia (8412.0)

6.6

MINERAL PRODUCTION

| | Iron ore | Bauxite | Gold | Ilmenite | Nickel | Diamonds |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | kg | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | '000 carats |
| Financial Years | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 119 690 | 27 087 | 193 599 | 1 612 | 62 | 39 909 |
| 1994-95 | 132 743r | 26 852 | 187 280 | 1 631 | 94 | 43 590r |
| 1995-96 | 143 489r | 28 250 | 206 486r | 1 871 | 105 | 42 566r |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Dec 95 | 35 167r | 7 028 | 48 675 | 477 | 24 | 12 153 |
| Mar 96 | 35 968r | 6 946 | 53 100 | 417 | 26 | 11 473 |
| Jun 96 | 35 823r | 6 825 | 55 946 | 477 | 30 | 9 835 |
| Sep 96 | 36 603r | 6 865 | 53 836 | 484 | 28 | 11 235 |
| Dec 96 | 37 576 | 6 734 | 57 201 | 472 | 29 | 9 450 |
| Mar 97 | 35 864 | 6 722 | 55 899 | 461 | 28 | 7 036 |

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

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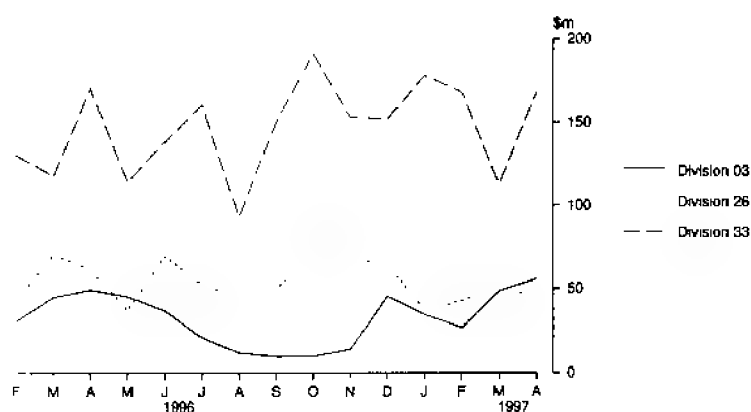
7.1

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

| | 33 Petroleum, petroleum products, etc | 71 Power generating equipment and machinery | 72 Machinery specialised for particular industries | 74 General industrial machinery and equipment | 78 Road vehicles |
|------------------------|--|---|--|---|------------------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 678.4 | 189.7 | 432.2 | 254.0 | 690.0 |
| 1994-95 | 823.8 | 203.1 | 436.9 | 308.0 | 802.1 |
| 1995-96 | 768.9 | 356.1 | 510.3 | 345.7 | 794.5 |
| Months | | | | | |
| Feb 96 | 72.8 | 85.5 | 41.8 | 36.4 | 53.8 |
| Mar 96 | 74.2 | 13.5 | 39.6 | 28.7 | 60.0 |
| Apr 96 | 56.4 | 25.6 | 41.9 | 27.8 | 62.5 |
| May 96 | 69.9 | 26.5 | 46.6 | 32.2 | 74.6 |
| Jun 96 | 47.6 | 23.0 | 38.5 | 27.2 | 72.1 |
| Jul 96 | 115.1 | 46.2 | 34.0 | 25.8 | 70.7 |
| Aug 96 | 92.7 | 40.2 | 46.3 | 29.8 | 74.3 |
| Sep 96 | 39.2 | 20.0 | 31.9 | 26.3 | 63.0 |
| Oct 96 | 107.3 | 27.5 | 33.0 | 29.7 | 81.0 |
| Nov 96 | 66.2 | 26.3 | 49.0 | 31.7 | 73.2 |
| Dec 96 | 126.6 | 28.3 | 217.8 | 27.8 | 66.6 |
| Jan 97 | 109.8 | 24.7 | 49.4 | 50.4 | 61.3 |
| Feb 97 | 118.0 | 13.9 | 45.3 | 35.7 | 57.4 |
| Mar 97 | 36.2 | 16.3 | 59.5 | 36.5 | 63.4 |
| Apr 97 | 44.4 | 18.6 | 55.9 | 64.9 | 66.7 |

Reference: Fastracks Trade Statistics

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: Fastracks Trade Statistics

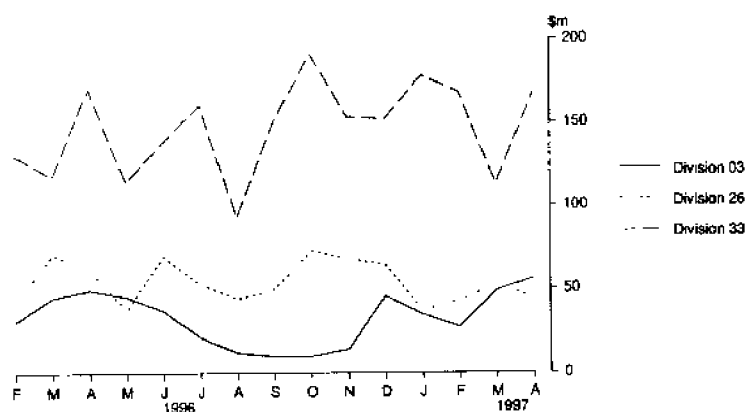
7.2

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

| | 03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc | 04 Cereals and cereal preparations | 26 Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric) | 28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap | 33 Petroleum, petroleum products etc. |
|------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 413.3 | 1 150.1 | 656.1 | 2 999.4 | 882.9 |
| 1994-95 | 408.6 | 1 154.3 | 733.8 | 3 094.0 | 1 544.4 |
| 1995-96 | 364.2 | 1 874.9 | 692.6 | 3 221.8 | 1 586.0 |
| Months | | | | | |
| Feb 96 | 31.1 | 197.6 | 42.8 | 233.6 | 130.3 |
| Mar 96 | 45.1 | 185.3 | 70.8 | 275.5 | 117.5 |
| Apr 96 | 49.6 | 177.7 | 61.5 | 251.6 | 170.0 |
| May 96 | 45.5 | 161.9 | 37.5 | 259.7 | 114.4 |
| Jun 96 | 37.2 | 153.5 | 69.6 | 314.8 | 138.2 |
| Jul 96 | 21.2 | 121.5 | 52.4 | 299.8 | 160.4 |
| Aug 96 | 12.0 | 104.7 | 44.2 | 295.8 | 92.9 |
| Sep 96 | 10.0 | 113.1 | 49.9 | 289.9 | 150.0 |
| Oct 96 | 10.0 | 120.5 | 72.4 | 278.4 | 190.8 |
| Nov 96 | 14.1 | 90.5 | 67.7 | 273.4 | 152.9 |
| Dec 96 | 45.6 | 177.9 | 64.2 | 271.5 | 151.9 |
| Jan 97 | 34.8 | 201.3 | 37.2 | 280.4 | 177.8 |
| Feb 97 | 27.1 | 146.7 | 42.8 | 275.6 | 168.1 |
| Mar 97 | 48.8 | 207.2 | 51.9 | 321.2 | 113.0 |
| Apr 97 | 56.0 | 158.3 | 44.4 | 312.8 | 167.8 |

Reference: Fastracks Trade Statistics

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: Fastracks trade statistics

8.1

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS (a)

| WESTERN AUSTRALIA..... | | | | | | PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION..... | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Passenger vehicles | Light commercial vehicles | Trucks and buses | Total(b) | Motorcycles and scooters | Total(b) | Motorcycles and scooters |
| Financial Years | | | | | | | |
| 1993-94 | 48 589 | 10 350 | 2 136 | 61 075 | 2 103 | 47 604 | 1 470 |
| 1994-95 | 51 947 | 10 782 | 2 170 | 64 899 | 2 344 | 50 519 | 1 649 |
| 1995-96 | 51 134 | 10 838 | 2 315 | 64 287 | 2 440 | 49 743 | 1 647 |
| Months | | | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | 4 109 | 804 | 145 | 5 058 | 230 | 3 882 | 164 |
| May 96 | 4 889 | 1 139 | 204 | 6 232 | 198 | 4 979 | 135 |
| Jun 96 | 4 590 | 1 199 | 223 | 6 012 | 157 | 4 546 | 116 |
| Jul 96 | 4 580 | 895 | 201 | 5 676 | 174 | 4 483 | 107 |
| Aug 96 | 4 728 | 839 | 177 | 5 744 | 216 | 4 623 | 133 |
| Sep 96 | 4 392 | 748 | 177 | 5 317 | 183 | 4 331 | 111 |
| Oct 96 | 5 209 | 874 | 196 | 6 279 | 238 | 4 977 | 165 |
| Nov 96 | 4 656 | 819 | 186 | 5 661 | 368 | 4 455 | 287 |
| Dec 96 | 4 861 | 859 | 181 | 5 901 | 228 | 4 584 | 159 |
| Jan 97 | 4 436 | 802 | 129 | 5 367 | 196 | 4 222 | 136 |
| Feb 97 | 4 760 | 989 | 186 | 5 935 | 205 | 4 587 | 126 |
| Mar 97 | 4 167 | 874 | 161 | 5 202 | 213 | 3 966 | 153 |
| Apr 97 | 4 670 | 960 | 221 | 5 851 | 188 | 4 478 | 115 |
| May 97 | 5 072 | 909 | 183 | 6 164 | 234 | 5 089 | 162 |

(a) Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Excludes motor cycles.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

8.2

VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS(a)

| | PASSENGER VEHICLES..... | | OTHER VEHICLES..... | | TOTAL..... | |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| | Original | Trend Estimate | Original | Trend Estimate | Original | Trend Estimate |
| Months | | | | | | |
| Apr 96 | 4 109 | 4 544 | 949 | 1 131 | 5 058 | 5 675 |
| May 96 | 4 889 | 4 616 | 1 343 | 1 142 | 6 232 | 5 758 |
| Jun 96 | 4 590 | 4 647 | 1 422 | 1 145 | 6 012 | 5 792 |
| Jul 96 | 4 580 | 4 643 | 1 096 | 1 132 | 5 676 | 5 775 |
| Aug 96 | 4 728 | 4 635 | 1 016 | 1 103 | 5 744 | 5 734 |
| Sep 96 | 4 392 | 4 655 | 925 | 1 072 | 5 317 | 5 727 |
| Oct 96 | 5 209 | 4 686 | 1 070 | 1 044 | 6 279 | 5 730 |
| Nov 96 | 4 656 | 4 709 | 1 005 | 1 039 | 5 661 | 5 748 |
| Dec 96 | 4 861 | 4 724 | 1 040 | 1 057 | 5 901 | 5 781 |
| Jan 97 | 4 436 | 4 742 | 931 | 1 085 | 5 367 | 5 827 |
| Feb 97 | 4 760 | 4 771 | 1 175 | 1 107 | 5 935 | 5 878 |
| Mar 97 | 4 167 | 4 809 | 1 035 | 1 114 | 5 202 | 5 923 |
| Apr 97 | 4 670 | 4 850 | 1 181 | 1 108 | 5 851 | 5 958 |
| May 97 | 5 072 | 4 904 | 1 092 | 1 097 | 6 164 | 6 001 |

(a) Excludes motorcycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

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9.1

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS:Original

| | SELECTED INDUSTRY..... | | | TOTAL..... | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| | <i>Mining</i> | <i>Manufacturing</i> | <i>Other selected industries</i> | <i>Original</i> | <i>Seasonally adjusted</i> |
| | | | | | |
| Financial Years | | | | | |
| 1994-95 | 4 046 | 595 | 2 216 | 6 857 | 6 856 |
| 1995-96 | 4 199 | 958 | 2 422 | 7 579 | 7 576 |
| Quarters | | | | | |
| Dec 95 | 1 173 | 174 | 760 | 2 107 | 1 797 |
| Mar 96 | 915 | 205 | 542 | 1 663 | 1 917 |
| Jun 96 | 1 064 | 379 | 558 | 2 001 | 1 992 |
| Sep 96 | 888 | 155 | 479 | 1 522 | 1 580 |
| Dec 96 | 1 058 | 155 | 556 | 1 770 | 1 524 |
| Mar 97 | 1 070 | 138 | 311 | 1 519 | 1 775 |

Reference: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0)

9.2

STATE FINAL DEMAND AND PRODUCTION ACCOUNT TREND DATA AT CURRENT PRICES

| | Wages, salaries and supplements | Gross operating surplus | Indirect taxes less subsidies | GSP (income based) |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| Months | | | | |
| Sep 94 | 5 136 | 5 288 | 1 323 | 11 747 |
| Dec 94 | 5 215 | 5 395 | 1 312 | 11 922 |
| Mar 95 | 5 319 | 5 503 | 1 304 | 12 126 |
| Jun 95 | 5 405 | 5 599 | 1 335 | 12 339 |
| Sep 95 | 5 501 | 5 751 | 1 405 | 12 657 |
| Dec 95 | 5 609 | 5 988 | 1 472 | 13 069 |
| Mar 96 | 5 708 | 6 170 | 1 487 | 13 365 |
| Jun 96 | 5 790 | 6 237 | 1 465 | 13 492 |
| Sep 96 | 5 858 | 6 263 | 1 447 | 13 568 |
| Dec 96 | 5 935 | 6 338 | 1 447 | 13 720 |
| Mar 97 | 6 027 | 6 475 | 1 454 | 13 956 |

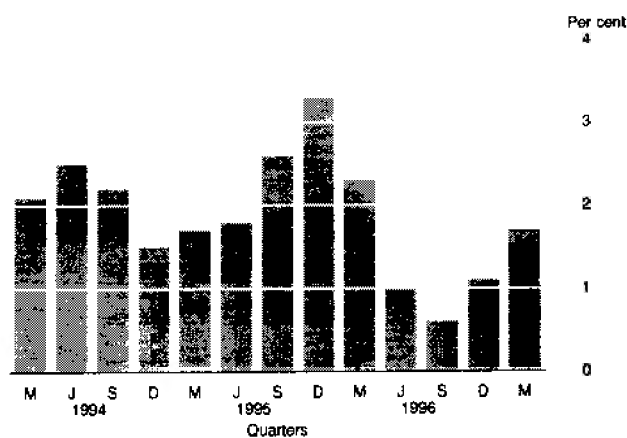
Reference: State Accounts (5242.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 9.2

GSP grew by 1.7% in the March quarter, continuing a pattern of increasing growth from the 0.6% increase recorded in September quarter 1996. Growth through the year to March quarter 1997 was 4.4%. Wages, salaries and supplements grew by 1.6% in the March quarter to be 5.6% higher than in the same quarter of the previous year. Growth in gross operating surplus of 2.2% in the March quarter and 4.9% for the year to March quarter 1997 was the strongest for any state on both counts. Indirect taxes less subsidies grew by 0.5% in the March quarter, the first increase since March quarter 1996. Despite this increase, a fall of 2.2% was recorded for the year to March quarter 1997.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GSP(a) - TREND

(a) Gross State Product at current prices



Source: State Accounts (5242.0)

10.1

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....

| Indicator | Period | Unit | Current Australian Figure | Current figure | Change from last period (%) | Figure one year ago | Change from one year ago (%) |
|--|--------------|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Population | | | | | | | |
| Estimated resident population | Dec qtr 96 p | '000 | 18 426.9 | 1 782.7 | 0.5 | 1 749.2 | 1.9 |
| Natural increase | Dec qtr 96 p | No. | 31 085 | 3 369 | 8.4 | 3 520 | -4.3 |
| Tourism | | | | | | | |
| <i>Hotels and motels, etc with facilities</i> | | | | | | | |
| Guest arrivals | Mar qtr 97 | '000 | 7 810.5 | 568.2 | -8.3 | 548.4 | 3.6 |
| Guest rooms available | Mar qtr 97 | No. | 174 670 | 16 065 | 0.4 | 14 928 | 7.6 |
| Room occupancy rates | Mar qtr 97 | % | 58.6 | 57.1 | -5.3 | 59.5 | -4.0 |
| <i>Overseas visitors</i> | | | | | | | |
| Short-term arrivals | Apr 97 | No. | 325 900 | 33 000 | -7.5 | 32 270 | 2.3 |
| Long-term arrivals | Apr 97 | No. | 6 040 | 670 | 13.6 | 660 | 1.5 |
| <i>Resident Departures</i> | | | | | | | |
| Short-term departures | Apr 97 | No. | 212 690 | 25 870 | -7.5 | 23 540 | 9.9 |
| Long-term departures | Apr 97 | No. | 6 340 | 750 | 2.7 | 670 | 11.9 |
| Employment | | | | | | | |
| <i>Employed persons</i> | | | | | | | |
| Trend | Jun 97 | '000 | 8 392.5 | 848.9 | -0.1 | 837.2 | 1.4 |
| <i>Unemployed persons</i> | | | | | | | |
| Looking for work (Trend) | Jun 97 | '000 | 796.5 | 65.1 | -1.7 | 69.8 | -6.7 |
| <i>Participation rate</i> | | | | | | | |
| Trend | Jun 97 | % | 63.1 | 65.2 | -0.5 | 66.2 | -1.5 |
| <i>Unemployment rate</i> | | | | | | | |
| Trend | Jun 97 | % | 8.7 | 7.1 | -1.4 | 7.7 | -7.8 |
| <i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings</i> | | | | | | | |
| Males | Nov 96 | \$ | 774.40 | 804.80 | -0.1 | 776.20 | 3.7 |
| Females | Nov 96 | \$ | 614.20 | 559.00 | 1.1 | 568.70 | 4.6 |
| Persons | Nov 96 | \$ | 716.90 | 728.70 | 0.3 | 702.90 | 3.7 |
| Retail | | | | | | | |
| <i>Monthly retail turnover</i> | | | | | | | |
| Original | May 97 | \$m | 10 504.3 | 1 067.6 | 6.1 | 1 032.6 | 3.4 |
| Trend estimate | May 97 | \$m | 10 507.5 | 1 069.1 | 1.1 | 1 034.2 | 3.4 |
| Construction | | | | | | | |
| <i>Building Approvals</i> | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling Units | May 97 | No | 13 438 | 1 576 | -3.1 | 1 195 | 31.9 |
| Value of all building | May 97 | \$m | 2 587.4 | 318.9 | 25.2 | 257.8 | 23.7 |
| <i>Housing Price Indexes</i> | | | | | | | |
| Materials used in house building | Mar 97 | Index No. | 116.4 | 115.5 | 0.1 | 114.4 | 1.0 |
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| Trend | May 97 | No. | 48 115 | 4 904 | 1.1 | 4 646 | 6.3 |
| <i>Total registrations</i> | | | | | | | |
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| Trend | May 97 | No. | 57 040 | 6 001 | 1.1 | 5 758 | 4.2 |
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| Current prices | Mar qtr 97 | \$m | 124 332 | 13 222 | -14.0 | 12 818 | 3.2 |
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